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RE: Docket No. FD 35247, Grenada Railway

Dear Ms. Brown:

I own a Grenada County, Mississippi, company that utilizes Grenada Railway to move products to their final destination. As a user of this railroad, I want to express my concern about the future of rail service in the region.

My company is currently undergoing a major expansion project, which requires an investment of more than \$9M dollars in equipment, buildings, and rail spur upgrades. This expansion will create a significant number of jobs in the regional economy, impacting a number of industries including, but not limited to, transportation, lumber and forest products, and retail. The future of my company and my employees depends upon reliable and fairly priced rail service that allows our products to be shipped both north and south of Grenada, Mississippi.

During the past four years the threat of abandonment and scrapping of the south end of the Grenada Railway line has been a major preoccupation to me and other company owners in the region. That threat was very carefully considered as we decided to make our latest investment in Grenada and we are hopeful that our state and regional efforts to save the railroad will at the end succeed. It makes good sense in both the short and long term for our state, our region, and all the communities along the line. Rail service is essential to the economic future of our rural region.

Please keep in mind the needs of this rural area as you make any decisions regarding Grenada Railway.

Sincerely,

Ricky Fly, President

cc. Hon. Sid Bondurant
Mr. Don R. Brown
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Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed is a letter on behalf of my company in reference to the Grenada Railway matter.

I certify that a copy of this letter has been served on each party of record by facsimile transmission or United States mail.

Sincerely,

Ricky Fly, President